

Protect people's privacy: Minister

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BANGALORE: Experts at a national seminar on "Privacy rights and data protection in cyber space" have called for better understanding of cyber laws and stricter implementation of rules that govern cyber space.

The seminar was jointly organised by the Karnataka Institute for Law and Parliamentary Reforms, Digital Society Foundation of India and the KLE Society's Law College here on Friday.

Inaugurating the seminar, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs S. Suresh Kumar said there were many shortcomings in the Information Technology Act 2000, and more effective cyber laws were needed.

He said anybody with access to Internet may take advantage of a wide variety of communication and informa-

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tion retrieval methods. These methods were constantly evolving. The birth of the Indian Digital Society had irrevocably re-defined progress and development in the country. He said the information so recovered from cyber space could be broadcast and sent to many other people.

"Imagine anybody's private life being exposed on such a massive scale without the knowledge of the person who is affected," he said.

Recalling one such case of "media over activism," Mr. Kumar cited the example of the suicide of Padmapriya Bhat in Delhi earlier this year and attributed it to an invasion of an individual's privacy.